









## INSITUTIONAL TRIGGERING: THE PAPHyR EXPERIENCE - BENIN

Institutional triggering is a vital tool that causes a feeling of disgust towards the practice of open defecation, specifically targeting influential agencies, organizations, and leaders. This type of triggering aims to influence the pride and dignity of decision makers so that they commit to ending open defecation and ensuring the sustainability of Open Defecation Free (ODF) status by implementing different activities such as providing adequate sanitation facilities in public places to motivate communities to sustain behavioral change.

Under the Programme d'amélioration de l'accès à l'Assainissement et des Pratiques d'Hygiène en milieu Rural (PAPHyR) project funded by the Global Sanitation Fund, launched in 2015, MCDI has led several institutional triggering

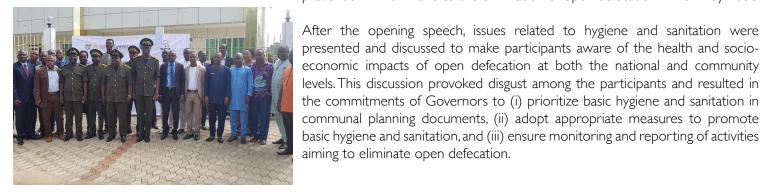


Institutional triggering of Government actors in Benin

events. The Program implements Benin's National Strategy for the Promotion of Basic Sanitation and Hygiene (SNPHAB) in four departments: Borgou, Hills, Donga and Atacora. PAPHyR aims to eliminate open defectation in 8,181 localities with special emphasis on the promotion of handwashing and practices ensuring hygienic drinking water and food.

On November 7 2018, an institutional triggering session on basic sanitation and hygiene was organized by the National Directorate of Public Health in collaboration with MCDI. The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Dassa-Zoumè, the Governors and their Secretaries General, the National Coordinator of the Water Supply and Sanitation Consultation Council, the Director of Health of Colline Department, and the Departmental Coordinators of PAPHyR intervention zones. Additional attendees included the Representative of the Minister of Health, the Director of Health of Hills Department, and the Governor of Zou Department.

In his opening speech, the Representative of the Minister of Health mentioned that triggering of government actors, including the Governors and their Secretaries General, on the subject of Open Defection is of paramount importance to disease prevention in Benin and to the elimination of open defection in Benin by 2030.



Participants of institutional triggering session



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